

amending many of the claims remaining in this application, which are selected for examination. Applicant intends to file a divisional re-issue application in which claims corresponding to canceled Claims 172-178 will be presented for examination.

An action on the merits of the selected claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that certain of the selected claims were presented for purposes of interference with U.S. Patent No. 5,796,469.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 22-0585 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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